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AT PACIFICON!

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OCTOBER MEETING

EmComm: Yesterday, Today and Tomorrow

Panel Discussion with:

Alan Thompson, W6WN

Don Simon, NI6A

John Trinterud, K9ONR

Judi Clarke, KK6ZCU

THIS MONTH'S MEETING HELD AT

PACIFICONSM 2023

ARRL Pacific Division Ham Radio Convention
Produced by the Mount Diablo Amateur Radio Club



*Our in-person meeting will also be held virtually, via the Zoom video system. The meeting access ID and password will be distributed via groups.io email announcement. The meeting will also be shown on the club digital amateur television repeater, which is live streamed at: <http://w6cxatv.mdarc.org/> and also live streamed on YouTube on the **Media MDARC** channel.*



We have many accomplished and experienced club members. After all, we are an ARRL Special Service Club! The club is looking for amateur radio or communications topics that you or someone you know could present at a future club meeting.

An alternative might be several short presentations on different topics made by multiple persons.

Please direct your suggestions to our Programs Chair Charles M. King, K3CMK, at chask1234.ck@gmail.com.

Your contribution is vital for the continued success of MDARC. We are eager to hear from you!

ALL MEMBERS ARE INVITED TO JOIN THE FREE CLUB E-MAIL GROUP AT:

<https://groups.io/g/MDARC>

Mount Diablo Amateur Radio Club W6CX
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President - Ed Morales, KJ6KYT

Vice President - **vacant**

Secretary – Brian Lotter, KM6NGS

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PACIFICON 2023

Chair: Julie Mah, WJ8MAH

Registration: Debbie Deeble, KN6DOM

Treasurer: Gene Sylls, KG6EYE

Secretary: Jeff Mah, N8MAH

COMMITTEE CHAIRS AND COORDINATORS

Annual Auction - **vacant**

Communications Trailer - Mike Warren, W6MEW

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Digital Media - Mike Patterson, N6JGA

Education & Training - John Primus, AF6RJ

Field Day - Larry Loomer, KI6LNB

Good & Welfare - Diana Sage, KA6TZU

Holiday Dinner - Misa Siemons, KJ6BUE

License Testing - Larry Loomer, KI6LNB

Outreach - Dick Wade, WM6G

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President's Message

For Your Consideration

We are now approaching the end of the year. As I get older, I find that time seems to move too fast. But so it goes. We have a lot of fun and exciting events coming for the remainder of the year.

First consider PACIFICON which takes place October 20 through 22, 2023 at the San Ramon Marriott. I hope you all have punched your ticket to attend. I feel we are going to have a great turn out. A lot of great presentations will be for the offering. And we will have a great cast of vendors in the exhibit halls along with non-profit groups on display.

The Antenna Forum on Friday and the banquet on Saturday always delivers. Not to mention a great panel discussion at our General meeting Friday evening on EMCOMM. And I believe there will be a delicious pie to be raffled along with a door prize drawing.

Please consider our last General meeting in November. We have a great speaker lined up. Spencer Holmes, KM6SJO has agreed to present his experiences with SOTA.

And lastly, please consider our Holiday banquet which will be held on December 10, 2023 at our usual venue Zio Fraedo's in Pleasant Hill. You can find out more about this on page 8 of this issue.

I hope you are all enjoying the fall season and enjoy the coming events produced and sponsored by our great club.

73,

Ed Morales, KJ6KYT
MDARC President

NOMINATIONS SOUGHT FOR 2024 CLUB OFFICERS

How many times have we all referred to our club as MDARC? I know I do all the time, but when thinking about it, just saying “MDARC” doesn’t have the same impact of who we are as saying ”Mount Diablo Amateur Radio Club.” We are a gathering of like-minded people who have an interest in the many facets of amateur radio. Hence the term “Club.” Now we all know that a club doesn’t operate in a vacuum and that it takes people to step forward who are willing to make our Club what it is. And what are we? We are a 300+ member club with lots of diverse and successful activities as well as a primo repeater system that services us locally as well as reaching many outlying communities. And how did we get there? We are where we are because we’ve had members willing to serve as members of the Board and others who willingly chaired and served on committees that are of interest to us all.

By the time you read this in this month’s CARRIER, we will be nearing the end when the Election Committee can accept nominations for Board members. At the time I am writing this, we already have nominees for all positions except for club President and Vice President. I hope that has changed when you read this. You should know that effective August 23, 2023, the MDARC Bylaws were amended to address timing inconsistencies for when the Election Committee can accept nominations for Board members. The amended Bylaws state: “*Nominations will be accepted up to and including October 31st and closed afterwards.*” Shortly after October 31st, the Election Committee compiles the ballot and provides it to club members to vote for the candidates of their choice. However, because there is then an active ballot sent to club members, the Election Committee can no longer accept nominations and this is even true at November’s General Membership Meeting.

What do you need to know and do? You should consider nominating yourself for a Board position or nominating somebody that you would think would serve the Club. **Also remember that the deadline for nominations is October 31st.**

We are looking to you to nominate candidates for each of these positions.

Officer	Term (years)
President	1
Vice President	1
Secretary	1
Treasurer	1
Emergency Coordinator	1
Director at Large	2
two openings	

**NOMINATIONS
ARE OPEN!**

ELECTION COMMITTEE

Larry Bradley, KK6QPE	kk6qpe@gmail.com
Dick Wade, WM6G	dickwade146@gmail.com
Pete Harris, KE6ZIW	pharris125@comcast.net

Please provide your nominations to one of the members of the Election Committee above. 73, Larry Bradley, KK6QPE

PACIFICON 2023 is on!! October 20-22, 2023

The PACIFICON team has been hard at work already, securing the San Ramon Marriott Hotel, planning and preparing for PACIFICON 2023.

What makes PACIFICON so great is the involvement of communities and entities that come together, share ideas, have discussions, and are involved in this amazing convention. We wish and hope we can continue this endeavor, but we need your help. The number of people volunteering is less than what we need.

It is only through the efforts of individuals who donate their time and energy to this convention that makes PACIFICON so special.

We hold 1 meeting a month (the 2nd Wednesday of every month) both in person and by zoom. (long distance can no longer keep us apart). It usually lasts about 2 hours.

We are in urgent need of a Forums Coordinator. The Forums Coordinator makes contact with various persons who speak or teach through the convention and then coordinating with the team, plans the various times and placements of speakers. We have a historical list of good previous speakers, some of whom very likely would be willing to do their presentations, or modified versions, again if contacted about it. You don't need to be a licensed amateur or a member of MDARC to participate as a volunteer.

If you are tired of the same speakers or want different information given during this convention then it is time to get involved. Sitting on the sidelines and complaining about something doesn't make change. You need to get involved!!!

Afraid?? Never done anything like it?? No time?? I can tell you that the PACIFICON team is one of the best teams to volunteer for. The knowledge that has accumulated through the years is mind blowing and every person on the team is willing to help you out in any way possible. There is also written documentation created by the previous chair, to follow and guide you through the process, and changes that you can make to help make PACIFICON fabulous. Don't be afraid!!!

Want to check things out first? I invite you to join our meetings by zoom or in person. Just send me an email and I will send you a link to join our next meeting or give you an address for the meeting if you wish to come in person.

Also, this year celebrates the 100th anniversary of the first meeting of the Royal Order of the Wouff Hong which is traditionally put on at ARRL Division / National conventions. Some of our six 6 actors and other assistant staff for this have been doing it since MDARC took over PACIFICON in 1992 with pre-recorded audio for this 45 minute meeting. For the 100th meeting we would like to do this with lines being memorized instead of using pre-recorded audio. This year, we would also like to start building a new team to take this over for future PACIFICON conventions. We need to come up with replacement costumes as the other ones that have been used since 1992. If we start now, it should be easy to memorize the parts and come up with costumes and the few simple props that are needed. You must be a licensed ham to be an actor. We will hold Zoom meetings to work on lines, and will have 1 or 2 in-person rehearsals in September and October (most likely in Lafayette). Please contact Lauren Styles, WA6CIE, at WA6CIE.HAM@GMAIL.COM if you can help with this.

So in closing.... If you want PACIFICON to continue and thrive, then get involved, because PACIFICON is not sustainable without volunteers.

Thank you, 73,

Julie Mah, WJ8MAH
2023 PACIFICON Chair

PACIFICONSM 2023



All Day Friday
Antenna Seminar

Saturday Breakfast
with Gordon West

Friday MDARC Mtg
EmComm: Yesterday,
Today, Tomorrow



Latest
Ham Radio
Equipment for Sale

Ham License Testing

One Day Technician
& General License
Prep Classes



ARRL PACIFIC DIVISION HAM RADIO CONVENTION

*Experience the
many stories of Pacificon!!*

Produced by the Mt. Diablo Amateur Radio Club

October 20, 21 & 22, 2023
San Ramon Marriott
2600 Bishop Drive
San Ramon, California 94583

**GENERAL ADMISSION:
\$30 IN ADVANCE - FOR ALL 3 DAYS!**

*Tickets at the door will cost \$35; 17 years old & under are free;
College Students with valid student ID (25 & under): \$5*

*** Some events have additional cost ***

If you need hotel accommodations
either call Marriott Hotel Reservations at
925-867-9200 by Sept 27, 2023 (per availability)
to ask for the Special Pacificon rate of \$159/night,
or reserve your room on-line at www.pacificon.org

**Go to the Pacificon Website for
Events - Schedules - Registration
WWW.PACIFICON.ORG**

*** Events are subject to change – check website **
For current "Pacificon Rules and Policies" see website
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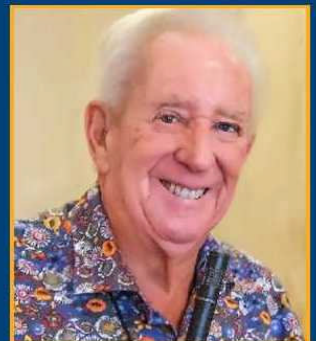


Outstanding
Technical Forums

Sunday
Swap Meet

Electronics
Kit Building

Scout JOTA-JOTI &
Merit Badge Class



Gordon West's
Ham Instructor Academy

Saturday Banquet
with Keynote Speaker

Get-On-The-Air
Special Events Station

T-Hunts!
Saturday & Sunday



PACIFICON™ 2023

ARRL Pacific Division Ham Radio Convention
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PARACHUTE MOBILE

Mission 44

October 21, 2023



Mark, AF6IM



Rob, KC6TYD

QSO / Parachute Control : 147.570

Check our website for live stream link.

APRS: Search skydiver's call sign.

Visit us at our booth at the Marriott.

Check out all the skydiving & radio gear on Sunday.

Go to parachutemobile.com for updates or follow us on Facebook

This event is subject to delay or cancellation. We do not have control over the plane or weather.

MDARC Holiday Banquet

Sunday December 10, 2023 6:00pm

Join us for MDARC's
Holiday Banquet Dinner.

Zio Fraedo's Restaurant
611 Gregory Lane
Pleasant Hill, CA 94523
(925) 933-9091

6:00 pm ~ Appetizers & No-Host Bar
6:45 pm ~ Dinner
7:30 pm ~ Awards Presentation

Registration link will be posted soon at below:

<https://www.mdarc.org/activities/holiday-banquet>

All registrations and/or cancellations must be received no later than
8:00 pm - Thursday, November 30. After that time/date,
NO Registrations will be accepted, and NO REFUNDS will be given.
Cost per person is \$60.00. No-Host Bar will be available.

Entrée Choices:

New York Steak
Salmon
Pasta Primavera (vegetarian)
Chicken

It's always a fantastic evening with good friends. See you there.

Misa Siemons, KJ6BUE
Banquet Chair
misa@siemons.com



Mount Diablo Amateur Radio Club

Membership Renewal (Jan 1- Dec 31)

Date: _____ Call (or SWL): _____ License Class: ☐ E ☐ A ☐ G ☐ T ☐ N

Name: _____ Nickname: _____

Address: _____ City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Home Phone: () _____ Cell Phone: () _____

Your E-mail: _____

Spouse or Partner's Name: _____ Spouse or Partner's Call (or SWL): _____

Spouse or Partner's Unique E-mail: _____

Circle any phone numbers or e-mail address above that you do NOT want listed in the club roster.

Please note, we take care to ensure that member information is never used for non-club or commercial purposes.

Note: You may add a maximum of 3 Family Members at the same address. Attach page with details for this.

Additional Information

- Membership Card: If you would like to have a new membership card mailed to you please send a SASE to the Membership Chair, Mount Diablo Amateur Radio Club, P.O. Box 23222, Pleasant Hill, CA 94523-0222
- Are you an ARRL member? This is important to maintain MDARC's Special Service Club status with ARRL.
☐ ARRL Member ☐ ARRL Life Member

Gift Membership

If you would like to give this membership as a gift to someone else, please fill in the above personal information with the recipient's information; and the below with your own information. In the instructions, please tell us when we may advise the recipient of his/her membership, and if you want this to be anonymous.

Gift-giver's Name: _____ Gift-giver's Callsign (if any) _____

Gift-giver's contact information (e-mail or phone no.): _____

Instructions: _____ ☐ Anonymous

Fees

MDARC DUES for Individual or Family membership at the same address: This includes the electronic Carrier newsletter emailed monthly	\$45.00	\$
Student membership: (Full-time student, 24yr old max) This includes the electronic Carrier newsletter emailed monthly	\$15.00	\$
Carrier Newsletter: Optional <u>Paper</u> Copies & Mailing – Additional cost for <u>paper</u> copies and monthly mailing. It does NOT include the Directory – contact Membership.	\$18.00	\$
Repeater Support Donation – Help us keep your repeaters on the air with \$5 to \$50?		\$
Total:		\$

Please make your check payable to MDARC and mail to:

MDARC
PO BOX 23222
PLEASANT HILL, CA 94523-0222

MDARC Telephone: 925-288-1730

INFO@MDARC.ORG

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OR REGISTER ONLINE AT WWW.MDARC.ORG

<https://events.r20.constantcontact.com/register/eventReg?oeidk=a07ek0lddlbc68f1cab&oseq=&c=&ch=>

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WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

Joel Baker, KM6KXY
Tam Dang-Gainer, KO6BDW
Alexandru Delamoreanu (license pending)
Brian Frazier, KO6BHK
Anita Majabo (license pending)
Michael Papp, KO6AGA
Trevor Raty, KG6MDW
Benjamin Sevilla, KA6BJS
Joshua Toutjian, KK6DHZ
Mark Toutjian, N6MKT
Tatyana Toutjian, KK6DHY
Albert Tsui, WO0OLF

If you hear these new members on the air, please welcome them to our club.

— Jan Kulisek, KM6NFC, Membership Chair

Saturday, October 21, 2023, is the next Contra Costa County public service event of the 2023 season, the Diablo Summit Stomp. This running race event will begin at Castle Rock Park in Walnut Creek and run to the top of Mt. Diablo and back to Castle Rock Park.

The ham assignments are at various elevations on the mountain, at rest stops and at strategic points on the trail, just like with the Firetrails event. Most assignments are drive-in to your location. Some assignments are hike-in, for the outdoors persons in the group.

If you would like to volunteer as a ham in the event, email larylloomer@yahoo.com with your name and call sign.

73, Larry Loomer, KI6LNB, Emergency Coordinator

Rai\$ing Money for MDARC

By Rich Lueck, K6REL

MDARC like other non-profit organizations, is constantly trying to raise money. As you know, in the world we live in, that's harder than ever.

So here's an easy funding source for MDARC plus a tax benefit for member donors. Perhaps you didn't know MDARC is a partner of the Clayton Valley/Concord Sunrise and Lamorinda Rotary Clubs vehicle donation program www.Cars2ndChance.com - Cars2nd-Chance accepts donations with title running or not. Cars, boats, motorcycles, RV's etc....

Come check out our beautiful new website! Learn more about how you can be the difference in someone's life. Visit www.Cars2ndChance.com .

The Rotary program is run entirely by volunteers so the money raised goes to our charity 501(c)(3) partners split 50/50. We *don't* pay for annoying jingles on TV or radio commercials. Our admin costs ARE NOT 85% of the donations (leaving what's left for recipients).

A lot of people are discovering during shelter in place they have extra vehicles. Here's how it works: *First find the vehicles title paperwork.* (You do have to own the vehicle even though you would like to donate the neighbor's dead car that's been on their front lawn for 5 years.) ;>)

Go to www.Cars2ndChance.com Enter your name and email address and click Next.... From the Orange drop down select MDARC then complete the vehicle information. Please fill in each field completely. The form is secure and we do not share your personal information. Upon receipt, we will process your form according to the order received. Please allow 2 to 3 business days for processing. Upon acceptance, we will contact you to arrange a convenient pick up time. There is no fee for towing your vehicle, running or not. This program is not just in the San Francisco Bay Area.

Cars2ndChance contact number: 925-326-5868



MDARC Board of Directors Meeting August 7, 2023

Held at Zoom online

1. Call to Order: The meeting was called to order at 7:00 pm by Ed Morales, KJ6KYT after it was determined that there was a quorum for conducting Club business.

2. Roll Call: Attendees via Zoom screen shot: **Officers:** Ed Morales KJ6KYT, President; Brian Lotter KM6NGS, Secretary; Larry Loomer KI6LNB, Emergency Coordinator; Larry Bradley KK6QPE, Director at Large; Mike Warren W6MEW, Director at Large; Trevor Hall WA6JAU, Director at Large; Cal Vasquez K6VT, Director at Large. **Committee Chairs/Coordinator:** Mike N6JGA; Jan KM6NFC; Elizabeth Styles, KG6HLV **Guests:** Dave WA6UHA; Barb K6WHY; Lauren Styles WA6CIE; Mathison Ott KJ6DZB; Debbie Janke KM6IXM; Grant Bowman K6CBK.

3. Approval of Minutes from Last Meeting: The May and June meeting minutes were approved.

4. Adopt Tonight's Agenda: The agenda was approved.

5. Officer reports:

- a. President Ed Morales KJ6KYT – Ed announced that he is planning to move to Portland by March 1st 2024.
- b. Vice-President (Vacant) – No report.
- c. Secretary Brian Lotter KM6NGS – Had no report.
- d. Treasurer Gene Sylls, KG6EYE – Sent his report by email.

6. Emergency Coordinator Report: Larry KI6LNB had no report.

7. Directors at large reports:

Mike Warren W6MEW – Had no report. Trevor Hall WA6JAU – Had no report. Larry Bradley KK6QPE – Had no report. Cal Vasquez K6VT – Had no report

8. Committee Reports:

- a. Auction: No report was expected.
- b. Communications Trailer: There was no report.
- c. Digital Media: Grant Bowman reported that he is working on the PACIFICON web page, he will be shadowing Barb's hotel liaison activities at PACIFICON this year so that he can take over the position for next year. The mailing for membership has not been done yet and he will coordinate with Jan to get it done. He has created LinkedIn profiles for MDARC and PACIFICON. Grant has finally found a way for any Gmail account to send an email as any other another Gmail account and he is willing to help anyone who needs to do that.
- d. Education and Training: John AF6RJ sent his report by email.
- f. Election Committee: No report was expected.
- g. Field Day: No report was expected.
- h. Holiday Banquet: No report was expected.
- i. License Testing: Larry KI6LNB reported that the one-day General class at PACIFICON is considered to be more than a one-day session so the license testing will have to take place on Sunday. Pete Harris KE6ZIW is following up on this issue. Ed clarified with Larry that there is also a Technician one day Ham cram that will run simultaneously with the General class.
- j. Membership: Jan KM6NFC shared his screen with membership numbers. Paying members 243, All current members 288, New members this year 31, Renewals last 30 days 1, Past due 79 and Lifetime + Honorary members 12. Jan repeated his request for a volunteer to mail out paper renewal forms to past due members.
- k. Mesh Committee: Mike W6MEW reported that he has some 2.4 GHz mesh equipment which was donated by Bruce and that anybody who is interested, can pick it up from him. A member of the Delta club in Dickson has a node with a connection to Sacramento and Mike wants to see if we can make a connection to him and hence to Sacramento. Mike added that Matheson has invested some of his time in setting up an IP Phone network which works across the Mesh network and has approximately 50 users at present. It works worldwide.
- l. Outreach: Dick Wade WM6G was not present.

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m. PACIFICON: Barb K6WHY announced that Grant is handling the T hunt, you can now order PACIFICON t shirts from Hip Ham Shirts, Debbie Deeble said that advance registrations are running at 26% higher than this time last year, if you want a reservation at the Marriott, you need make it soon because the non Pacificon rates are running high, Barb has not been contacted by anybody who wants to be the vendor chair for next year, she has been contacted by an out of state vendor who stated that the California taxes are so high that it makes it impossible for them to make a profit and hence will not be coming, there are 21 returning vendors and 6 new vendors, she is still contacting potential vendors and will stress that advance registration is way up, the forums schedule is full and Joel Richards is helping with that, but she hasn't heard from him that he is willing to be the forums chair next year, if there are more speakers for Sunday, she will use salon 2, if not, she will run videos and would need volunteers to run that, Grant is shadowing Barb for hotel liaison so that he can do it next year. Trevor reported that he has 4 speakers for the antenna seminar and needs 2 more. Grant offered that Ed Fong will be attending but won't have a booth and suggested that he could approach Ed to be a speaker for the antenna seminar.

n. Programs: There was no report.

o. Public Service: Larry KI6LNB reported that they had a very successful Skyline 50K yesterday where 11 hams participated. The next event will be the Fire Trails 50 mile run in the Oakland hills on September 30. Information for this event will be published in the upcoming Carrier.

p. Radio Lending Library: There was no report.

q. Rocky Ridge Repeater (Tech): Trevor WA6JAU stated that everything is fine.

r. Scholarship: There was no report.

9. Future Meetings:

General Meeting 08/18/2023 on Zoom and In-person. Board Meeting 09/11/2023 on Zoom only.

10. Unfinished Business:

10.1 Status report on revising Membership database for processing and tracking payments, status, etc.: This was covered under 8 j above.

10.2 South Peak Contract & Move to North Peak: Ed reported that they had a meeting with the representative of Everest last Thursday during which they presented our case to the representative, she called Ed last Friday and hinted that, based on the current footprint, the base cost would be about \$580 per month. Ed asked for a rate below \$500 and she responded that she would try to get us a discount based on their service issues. Ed expects a formal proposal from Everest this week.

10.3 Auction Chair: No one has stepped up yet.

10.4 Google Analytics/LinkedIn Follow-ups: Ed commended Grant Bowman K6CBK for the MDARC LinkedIn profile.

10.5 By-Laws Amendments: We were not able to get a vote during the July meeting but Ed is determined to get it done during the August meeting. Larry KK6QPE asked that the new version of the By-Laws be published in this month's *Carrier* so that we can hold people's feet to the fire if they haven't read it.

11. New Business:

11.1 PACIFICON 2024: Ed commended Grant Bowman K6CBK for stepping up as Hotel Liaison chair for 2024 and added that we need more volunteers in order to go ahead with PACIFICON 2024. He added that a go- or no-go decision needs to be made by the September meeting. Barb K6WHY said that according to Debbie, someone has expressed interest in becoming Registration chair. Barb threw her hat in the ring for Treasurer if Gene chooses not to continue. Further discussion on the financials revealed an optimistic view of success for PACIFICON 2024.

Mike W6MEW mentioned that John Kearney will not be able to assist with Zoom meetings next year and asked for someone to let him know of potential replacements. Trevor asked if Larry KI6LNB is connected with the Sheriff's group again and Larry confirmed that the group is active again. Barb confirmed that she had volunteered to speak at the San Ramon Rotary group. She will prepare a PowerPoint presentation which she will present next Wednesday.

12. Adjournment:

Mike W6MEW seconded by Larry KK6QPE proposed a motion to adjourn. Meeting Adjourned at 7:57 pm

Respectfully submitted by: Brian Lotter, KM6NGS, Secretary, on September 4, 2023.

These meeting minutes were signed digitally due to the digital meeting.

MDARC Board of Directors Meeting September 11, 2023

Held at Zoom online

1. Call to Order: The meeting was called to order at 7:00 pm by Ed Morales, KJ6KYT after it was determined that there was a quorum for conducting Club business.

2. Roll Call: Attendees via Zoom screen shot: **Officers:** Ed Morales KJ6KYT, President; Brian Lotter KM6NGS, Secretary; Larry Loomer KI6LNB, Emergency Coordinator; Larry Bradley KK6QPE, Director at Large; Mike Warren W6MEW, Director at Large; Trevor Hall WA6JAU, Director at Large; Cal Vasquez K6VT, Director at Large. **Committee Chairs/Coordinator:** Mike N6JGA; Jan KM6NFC. **Guests:** Barb K6WHY; Grant Bowman K6CBK.

3. Approval of Minutes from Last Meeting: Mike W6MEW, seconded by Larry KK6QPE, proposed a motion to approve the minutes. The August meeting minutes were approved.

4. Adopt Tonight's Agenda: The agenda was approved.

5. Officer reports:

- a. President Ed Morales KJ6KYT – Had no report.
- b. Vice-President (Vacant) – No report.
- c. Secretary Brian Lotter KM6NGS – Had no report.
- d. Treasurer Gene Sylls, KG6EYE – Sent his report by email.
- e. Emergency Coordinator Report: Larry KI6LNB reported that the Delta Amateur Radio Club Net has been added to the W6CX repeater schedule for Wednesdays at 8 pm. They also have simplex Net on Thursdays at 7pm. Full details will be published in The Carrier.

7. Directors at large reports:

Mike Warren W6MEW – Had no report. Trevor Hall WA6JAU – Had no report. Larry Bradley KK6QPE – Had no report. Cal Vasquez K6VT – Had no report

8. Committee Reports:

- a. Auction: No report was expected.
- b. Communications Trailer: Mike W6MEW had no report.
- c. Digital Media: Mike N6JGA and Grant K6CBK reported that the websites are up to date.
- d. Education and Training: John AF6RJ sent his report by email.
- f. Election Committee: Larry KK6QPE reported that a number of nominations have been received. He posted election information in the Carrier and will send out information via groupes.io. He will also use Jan's database to get email addresses of members.
- g. Field Day: No report was expected.
- h. Holiday Banquet: No report was expected.
- i. License Testing: Larry KI6LNB reported that there will be license testing at the Amateur Extra class tomorrow and at Our Savior's Lutheran Church on the 15th.
- j. Membership: Jan KM6NFC shared his screen with membership numbers. Paying members 245, All current members 292, New members for this year 32, Renewals last 30 days 1, Past due 79 and Lifetime + Honorary members 12. Jan reported that he had spoken to Steven Wagner who used to live in Concord but has since relocated to Gold Beach, Oregon. He doesn't have internet but does have a cell phone. Due to this situation, he didn't get a renewal notice and hence did not renew his membership. This highlights the need to send out renewal notices via mail.
- k. Mesh Committee: Mike W6MEW reported that John Cornell, Emergency Preparedness Coordinator, Lafayette Police Department, who maintains the high-level nodes, reported that they are all connected via a LAN over a microwave network. John is planning on installing a few more.

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l. Outreach: Dick Wade WM6G was not present.

m. PACIFICON: Ed Addressed the go, no go decision for PACIFICON 2024 and after some discussion, it was decided that the final decision will be postponed until the October Board Meeting. This is because there appeared to be a number of potential volunteers for the open volunteer positions and also that budget estimate from Barb K6WHY, looked positive.

n. Programs: Ed reported that he has been in contact with the EmComm Panel for the October General Meeting and that he expects a good presentation.

o. Public Service: Larry KI6LNB reported the following events; The Fire Trails Running Race on September 30th, Mount Diablo Challenge bike race and the Mothers Against Drunk Driving walk in Walnut Creek, both on October 1st. The Diablo Summit Stomp on October 21st.

p. Radio Lending Library: Cal K6VT reported that we have one person using equipment at this time and everything is fine.

q. Rocky Ridge Repeater (Tech): There was no report.

r. Scholarship: There was no report.

9. Future Meetings:

General Meeting 09/15/2023 on Zoom and In-person.

Board Meeting 10/02/2023 on Zoom only.

10. Unfinished Business:

10.1 Status report on revising Membership database for processing and tracking payments, status, etc.: This was covered under 8 j above.

10.2 South Peak Contract & Move to North Peak: Ed reported that our local contact for Everest has been fired, so we are back to square one. Ed will call a sub committee meeting to set up a new strategy.

10.3 Auction Chair: No one has stepped up yet.

10.4 By-Laws Amendments: The amendments have been approved and published on the MDARC website.

10.5: PACIFICON: There was no further discussion about PACIFICON.

11. New Business:

11.1 Approval of 2024 Education and Training Schedule: Larry KK6QPE stated that the Clayton Valley Presbyterian Church has given approval for the use of their hall, at no cost, due to a good understanding with Larry KI6LNB. John Primus, AF6RJ has asked for Board approval of the schedule. Larry KK6QPE, seconded by Mike W6MEW proposed a motion to approve. The motion was approved unanimously.

12. Adjournment:

Mike W6MEW seconded by Brian KM6NGS proposed a motion to adjourn.

Meeting Adjourned at 7:54 pm

Respectfully submitted by

Brian Lotter KM6NGS

Secretary, on September 25, 2023. These meeting minutes were signed digitally due to the digital meeting.

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MDARC General Meeting Minutes August 18, 2023

Held as hybrid Zoom and in-person meeting.

1. Call to Order: The meeting was called to order at 7:00 pm by the MDARC President Ed Morales KJ6KYT
a. Welcome to all: The President welcomed all attendees and indicated the positions of the emergency exits and restrooms.

b. Pledge of Allegiance: This was made by attendees.

c. Acknowledge new members: new members were acknowledged.

d. Acknowledge visitors: new members were acknowledged.

2. Approval of Minutes from the Last Meeting: The July 2023 minutes were approved.

3. Officer Reports:

a. The President: Ed, KJ6KYT announced that he is leaving California next year and hence will not be running for club president. He asked that anyone, who might be interested in running for president, to contact him.

b. The Vice President: Vacant.

c. The Secretary: Brian KM6NGS had no report.

d. The Treasurer: Since Gene KG6EYE was not present, Ed presented the financials for July 2023 as follows, MDARC and PACIFICON; Income \$7,063.95, Expenses \$2,964.57, Net Income \$4,099.38.

Account Balances; MDARC Checking \$30,727.43, MDARC Savings \$28,408.86, Total MDARC Checking and Savings \$59,136.29. Equipment Self-Insurance Fund \$61,132.37. Pacificon Checking Account \$33,764.13. Total account balances 154,032.79

e. The Emergency Coordinator: Larry KI6LNB reported that he has been in contact with the Sheriff's office communications group. David Neilson is reactivating this group and it appears that our main function is to hand out radios to the Sheriff's officers when we have our activities again.

f. Directors at Large: Mike W6MEW, Trevor WA6JAU, Cal K6VT and Larry KK6QPE had nothing to report.

4. Committee Reports – Standing:

a. Auction: Vacant b. Communications Trailer: No report. c. Digital Media: No report.

d. Education and Training: John Primus AF6RJ sent his report by email.

e. Election: Larry KK6QPE announced that he and Pete Harris KE6ZIW are on the election committee and that they are looking for one more member. They will be sending out information on accepting nominations in the future.

f. Field Day: No report.

g. Holiday Banquet: No report.

h. License Testing: Larry KI6LNB reported that an Amateur Extra, a General and a Technician passed their tests tonight. There was also a candidate that went from 0 to General in one session.

i. MDARC-1 (Van): No report.

j. Membership: Jan KM6NFC reported the numbers as follows; Paying members 243, All current members 288, New members 31, Renewals in the last 30 days 1, Past due 79, Lifetime and Honorary members 12.

k. Mesh Committee: Mike W6MEW announced that he has some free 2.4GHz Mesh equipment that can be picked up from his house.

l. Outreach: No report.

m. PACIFICON: Julie W8MAH reported that arrangements for PACIFICON 2023 are going well but we still need volunteers for PACIFICON 2024 and we need to know before the first week in October because we have to confirm with the Hotel by then. The positions that are open are the Registration chair, the Vendor chair and the Forums chair. She asked people who are interested to contact her at juliemah4@yahoo.com. Pete KE6ZIW added that past the first week in October, our contract calls for a \$23,000.00 cancellation fee.

n. Programs: No report.

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o. Public Service: Larry KI6LNB reported that there are 6 more activities to do; Moonlight on the Mountain on September 9, which is a fund raiser for the Save Mount Diablo group, Fire trails 50-mile race in the Oakland Hills on September 30th, Mount Diablo Challenge bike ride and the Mothers Against Drunk Driving walk also on October 1st and the Mount Diablo Summit Stomp on October 21st. Details can be found on the Public Service page on the MDARC website.

p. Radio Lending Library: No report.

q. Rocky Ridge Repeater: Ed reported that the subcommittee had met with the local representative of the Landlord and that while she was sympathetic to our cause, upper management was not. She asked for more information like the hospital net so that she can escalate the request to higher management.

5. Unfinished Business:

a. Approval of amendments, corrections and edits of the club by Bylaws: Ed stated that we were not able to vote on this issue at the last meeting since too few people had read the changes. Mike N6JGA, seconded by Philip Sandness KJ6YAF proposed a motion to approve the amendments and changes to the Bylaws. The motion was approved unanimously.

6. New Business:

a. None.

7. Adjourn Business meeting: Mike W6MEW seconded by Larry KK6QPE proposed a motion to adjourn. The business portion of the meeting was adjourned at 7:27 pm.

Ed introduced the speaker, Eric Dausman KD7DNM: To PL or not PL, That is the question.

Respectfully submitted by
Brian Lotter, KM6NGS, Secretary
September 4, 2023.

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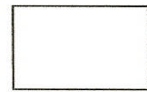
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Saturday November 4, 2023 8:00am MDARC Technical Committee Meeting - VIA VIDEO CONFERENCE

Monday November 6, 2023 7:00pm MDARC Board of Directors Meeting - VIA VIDEO CONFERENCE

Friday November 17, 2023 7:00pm MDARC General Meeting - Our Saviors Lutheran Church, 1035 Carol Lane, Lafayette

Sunday December 10, 2023 6:00pm MDARC Holiday Banquet - Zio Fraedo's Restaurant, 611 Gregory Lane, Pleasant Hill